

Solving Triangles and Area Formula Notes

Solve each triangle. Round your answers to the nearest tenth.

1) In $\triangle PKH$, $h = 18$ yd, $m\angle P = 142^\circ$, $k = 25$ yd

$$p^2 = 18^2 + 25^2 - 2(18)(25)\cos 142^\circ$$

$$p = 40.7 \text{ yd}$$

$$\frac{\sin 142^\circ}{40.7} = \frac{\sin H}{18} \rightarrow \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{18\sin 142^\circ}{40.7}\right) = \angle H = 15.8^\circ$$

$$180^\circ - 15.8^\circ - 142^\circ = \angle K = 22.2^\circ$$

2) In $\triangle FDE$, $m\angle F = 50^\circ$, $e = 32$ km, $f = 31$ km

$$\frac{\sin 50^\circ}{31} = \frac{\sin E}{32}$$

$$\angle D = \begin{array}{r} 180^\circ \\ - 50^\circ \\ - 52.3^\circ \\ \hline 77.7^\circ \end{array}$$

$$\text{or } \begin{array}{r} \angle D = 180^\circ \\ - 50^\circ \\ - 127.7^\circ \\ \hline 2.3^\circ \end{array}$$

$$\frac{32\sin 50^\circ}{31} = \sin E$$

$$\frac{\sin 77.7^\circ}{d} = \frac{\sin 50^\circ}{31} \text{ or } \frac{\sin 2.3^\circ}{d} = \frac{\sin 50^\circ}{31}$$

$$\angle E = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{32\sin 50^\circ}{31}\right)$$

$$d = \frac{31\sin 77.7^\circ}{\sin 50^\circ} = 39.5 \text{ km}$$

$$\text{(and)} \frac{d = 31\sin 2.3^\circ}{\sin 50^\circ}$$

$$\angle E = 52.3^\circ$$

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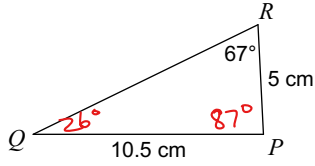
$$180^\circ - 52.3^\circ = 127.7^\circ = \angle D$$

$$= 1.6 \text{ km}$$

Find the area of each triangle to the nearest tenth.

$A = \frac{1}{2}bh$ is weak $\rightarrow A = \frac{1}{2}ab \sin C$ \rightarrow better

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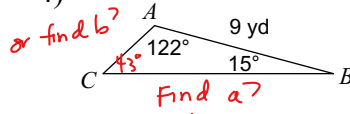
$$\frac{\sin 67^\circ}{10.5} = \frac{\sin Q}{5}$$

$$\frac{5 \sin 67^\circ}{10.5} = \sin Q$$

$$\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{5 \sin 67^\circ}{10.5}\right) = Q = 26^\circ$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}(5)(10.5) \sin 87^\circ = 26.2 \text{ cm}^2$$

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or find b^2

Find a ?

\downarrow we'll do this (but it doesn't matter)

$$\frac{\sin 122^\circ}{a} = \frac{\sin 15^\circ}{9}$$

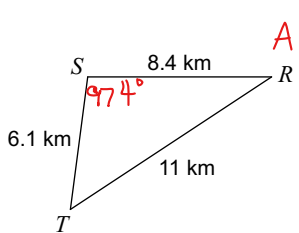
$$a = \frac{9 \sin 122^\circ}{\sin 15^\circ} = 11.2$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}(11.2)(9) \sin 15^\circ = 13 \text{ yd}^2$$

\rightarrow another option if you have SSS ($S = \text{semiperimeter} = \frac{\text{Perimeter}}{2}$)

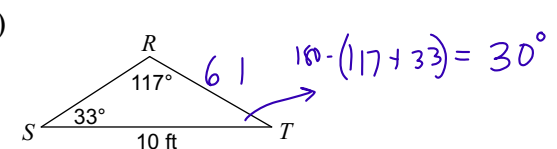
$$A = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \sqrt{(12.75)(12.75-8.4)(12.75-11)(12.75-6.1)} = 25.4 \text{ km}^2$$

$$s = \frac{8.4 + 6.1 + 11}{2} = 12.75$$



$$A = \frac{1}{2}(8.4)(6.1) \sin 97.4^\circ = 25.4 \text{ km}^2$$

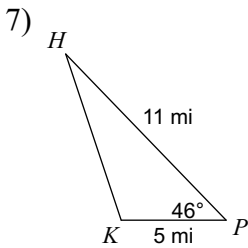
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$$\frac{\sin 117^\circ}{10} = \frac{\sin 33^\circ}{S}$$

$$S = \frac{10 \sin 33^\circ}{\sin 117^\circ} = 6.1$$

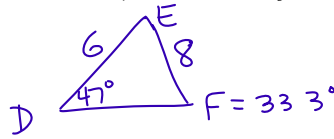
$$A = \frac{1}{2}(10)(6.1) \sin 30^\circ = 15.3 \text{ ft}^2$$



$$A = \frac{1}{2}(11)(5)\sin 46^\circ$$

$$= 19.8 \text{ mi}^2$$

8) In $\triangle DEF$, $f = 6 \text{ m}$, $d = 8 \text{ m}$, $m\angle D = 47^\circ$



$$\frac{\sin 47^\circ}{8} = \frac{\sin F}{6}$$

$$\frac{6\sin 47^\circ}{8} = \sin F$$

$$F = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{6\sin 47^\circ}{8}\right) = 33.3^\circ$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 33.3 \\ + 47.0 \\ \hline 80.3 \end{array}$$

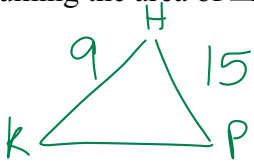
$$\begin{array}{r} 180^\circ \\ - 80.3^\circ \\ \hline 99.7^\circ = \angle E \end{array}$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}(6)(8)\sin 99.7^\circ$$

$$= 23.7 \text{ m}^2$$

9) Assuming the area of $\triangle KHP$ is 59.3 cm^2 , $p = 9 \text{ cm}$, $k = 15 \text{ cm}$ and $\angle H$ is obtuse, find the measure of $\angle P$.

①



$$A = \frac{1}{2}ab\sin C$$

$$59.3 = \frac{1}{2}(9)(15)\sin H$$

$$\frac{2(59.3)}{(9)(15)} = \sin H$$

$$\angle H = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{(2)(59.3)}{(9)(15)}\right) = 61.46 \text{ but obtuse, so really } 180 - 61.46 = 118.54^\circ$$

First answer \downarrow

$$\angle H = 118.54^\circ$$

② now L O C

$$h^2 = 15^2 + 9^2 - 2(15)(9)\cos(118.54^\circ)$$

$$h = 20.9 \text{ cm}$$

③ L O S

$$\frac{\sin 118.54^\circ}{20.9} = \frac{\sin P}{9}$$

$$\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{9\sin 118.54^\circ}{20.9}\right) = P = 22.3^\circ$$

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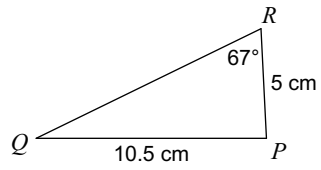
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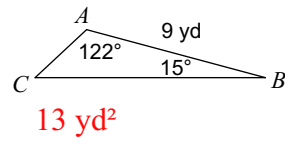
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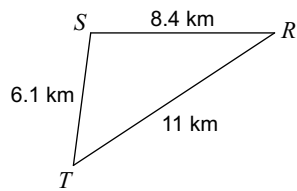
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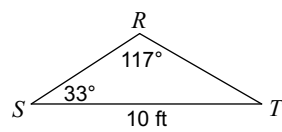
13 yd^2

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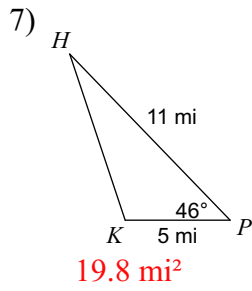


25.4 km^2

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